

MINUTES
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 East 6th Avenue – Helena Headquarters
Helena, MT 59620

Commission Conference Call Meeting
October 2, 2009

Commission Member Present: Shane Colton, Ron Moody, Dan Vermillion. Commissioner Ream phoned in at end of meeting to express approval of the motion.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff Present: Mack Long, Dave Risley, Regena Peterson.

Topics of Discussion:

- 1. Opening – Call to Order**
- 2. Transfer Goat Permit from HD240-06 to HD240-08**

1. Call to Order. Chairman Colton called the conference call meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Transfer Goat Permit from HD240-06 to HD240-08. Mack Long, FWP Region 2 Supervisor, explained that due to fire conditions that have existed in HD240-06 since July, the Region proposes to transfer the HD240-06 goat tag in the Bitterroot Kootenai drainage to HD240-08 to allow the holder of the tag a better opportunity for harvest of an animal. The animals have relocated out of the area, likely into HD240-08. There is another tag in HD240-08, but the area is large enough to sustain two tags. Long stated that the FWP Legal Unit informed him that it is within the Commission's authority to act on this request.

Colton asked if this has been done before. Long replied not in Region 2, but Dave Risley, FWP Fish & Wildlife Administrator, stated that Ron Aasheim, FWP Communications and Education Bureau Chief, had indicated this type of action has been done in the past in a different part of the state.

Action: Moody moved and it was seconded to approve transfer of the goat tag from HD240-06 to HD240-08 for the 2009 season. Motion carried. (Commissioner Ream telephoned in to state his approval of the motion. He had been advised of the situation and the Department's recommendation prior to the call, but was unavailable at the time the call was placed).

Meeting adjourned at 4:10p.m.

Shane Colton, Chairman

Dave Risley, Acting Director